

AGENDA



Thursday, April 30, 2009

**Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 18**

Subject: Approve an ordinance accepting \$844,721 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; and amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20080908-002 to appropriate \$844,721 for the High Priority grant project traffic safety programs.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$844,721 is available from the MCSAP High Priority Grant. A 20% match is required and will be met with existing staff salaries and benefits.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: David Carter, APD Chief of Staff/974-5030

Prior Council Action: June 5, 2008 year one grant acceptance.

The Austin Police Department (APD) recognizes the need to improve the safety on Austin's major corridors. The Motor Carrier Administration High Priority grant program will target aggressive driving and provides overtime funds for enforcement operations on the city's major corridors.

Through highly visible traffic enforcement and commercial vehicle safety inspection program in high-risk locations and corridors, APD will help reduce the unsafe driving practices of commercial and noncommercial drivers. APD's traffic enforcement will focus on hazardous driving on the five major corridors and APD will schedule road patrol with officers working seven hour shifts for an average of 21 hours a week. This will allow three additional shifts of officers to conduct traffic enforcement with a focus on aggressive driving.